

Resource Development Coordination Committee

Public Lands Section Committee Minutes January 13, 2009

Attendees:

Members:

Lori Hunsaker
Susan White
David Gierson
Ken Wilde
Todd Adams
Robert Clark
Roy Gunnell
Ralph Bohn
Susan Zarekarizi
Kimm Harty
Brent Everett
Rebecka Stromness
Ron Daniels
Carmen Bailey
Rick Wilcox
Bill Schlotthauer

Guests:

Dave Myers – US Forest Service
Dana Dean – OGM
John Baza – OGM
Jim Thornton – Ruby Pipeline
Dan Gredvig – Ruby Pipeline
Loren Locher – Ruby Pipeline
Mike Zahl – Ruby Pipeline

Staff:

Val Payne
Judy Edwards
Kelly Beck
Debby Montgomery
Todd Starky

- The Meeting was called to order by Chair, Susan Zarekarizi at 9:02am.

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of December 9 were approved as amended. Dave motioned, Susan seconded. The amendment request was made by Ron Daniels.

- Judy Edwards introduced Kelly Beck as the new Director of the Resource Development Coordination Office, replacing Carolyn Wright. He will assume her responsibilities along with Judy in most aspects of the position.
- She noted all questions, comments and correspondence of any project should go through Kelly.
- She then introduced Debby Montgomery who will assume responsibilities for the Committee Meeting logistics.
- Chair, Zarekerizi, amended the agenda to include member voting for the new Chairman of the Committee. She requested members please remain after adjournment to participate in the vote.

Special Presentation:

- Val Payne with the Public Lands Coordination Office expressed gratitude for the support all the agencies had offered in the Wild and Scenic River Project.
- Dave Myers with the U.S. Forest Service spoke on suitable rivers for the Wild and Scenic Rivers Project that will be presented to Congress. The Utah Rivers that have been chosen for presentation are Upper Uintah, Green, Death Hollow, Mamie, Pine Creek, North Fork, Fish Creek, Little Provo, Ostler Fork, and Still Water.

Oil and Gas Pipeline Presentation:

- Lorin Locker, spokesman for Ruby Pipeline Project gave a brief presentation concerning the upcoming Ruby Pipeline Project. He noted the intended 600 mile route would begin in Evanston, WY and run thru Rich County, Cache County, Box Elder County, then through portions of Nevada up to Oregon.
- The construction is set to begin in 2010 and projected to be in service by 2011. He further noted the proposed route is subject to change depending on opposition from land owners and existing corridors will be utilized wherever possible.
- Local area distributors will benefit from the sale of the gas which is intended to be distributed to portions of Oregon, Washington and Northern California. The proposal will be filed with the Energy Commission the end of January.

Agency Reports:

- Dave Grierson reported the Great Salt Lake Minerals Dolphin Island Expansion comment period expired. There were no agency comments, only a few public comments. Writing the Record of Decision for the Utah Lake Master Plan will begin soon with the final draft due the end of January. The Draft will be submitted to the Governors office in February for the initiation of the 45 day comment period. The Record of Decision is expected to be signed in April. Bear Lake draft is in process and should be available for public review by early February.
- Tim Garcia had been named Deputy Director of Forestry, Fire and State Lands.
- Lori Hunsaker has been working on GSL Minerals, Oil Shale review, and stimulus packages.

- Rebecka Stromness reported her office is working with Federal monies as there are no state funds available. Roadway and Bridge projects are planned primarily in Utah County.
- Ralph Bohn reported one landfill project is in progress.
- Bob Clark reported comments are due January 22, 2009 on the proposed TRAX line to the Airport. The new segment involves airport property.
- Berry Petro reported 400 Oil and Gas wells comments due next Friday.
- Susan White reported Duchesne County Rye Patch area had a vented gas accident. Land involved is under BLM jurisdiction.
- Val Payne reported the Grand Staircase Management Plan solicited comments from the Dept of Agriculture and National Resources. He noted there seems to be confusion concerning the time deadlines. Kane county provided a 38 page document 6 hours prior to the deadline.
- Judy Edwards defined Cooperating Agency as receiving information prior to public involvement, that information being confidential. Resource Development Coordination Committee gets the information after the Cooperating Agency to process and release for public comments.
- Lori Hunsaker noted the lack of attendance of the Federal Agencies to these Committee Meetings.

Next Meeting:

- February 10, 2009 at 9:00 am, at the Rio Grande Building.

Chairperson Voting:

By secret ballot, the Committee Members elected Dave Grierson as Chairman and Rebecka Stromness as Vice Chairman.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:45AM